

BIENNIAL BLUE-GREY ALGEBRA WEEKEND

On April 11-12, 2003 the Department was the home for the 9th Blue-Grey Algebra Weekend, with Bill Wickless and Chuck Vinsonhaler as hosts. The conference name derives from the fact that the seminars are exchange research visits, held approximately every two years, of abelian group theorists in the Northeast and in the South. The seminars started in 1985 and over the years have involved participants from UConn, Wesleyan, Fordham, Sacred Heart, Trinity and Wellesley representing the Blue, and Auburn, West Georgia, Tulane, Arizona and New Mexico representing the Grey.

This year's speakers and the titles of their half-hour presentations were

Ted Faticoni	Fordham (UConn PhD, 1981)	Class numbers of torsion-free groups
Tony Giovannitti	West Georgia	Pure subgroups and epimorphic images of completely decomposable groups
Peter Loth	Sacred Heart	Duality
Ray Mines	New Mexico State	A new proof of a classical theorem in topology
Jim Reid	Wesleyan	Torsion-free groups
Bill Ullery	Auburn	Dimension theory of mixed groups
Chuck Vinsonhaler	UConn	ACD groups
Bill Wickless	UConn emeritus	$3^{1/2}$ classes and 3 problems on mixed groups